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S. 1374

To clarify that unmarried adult children of Vietnamese reeducation camp internees are eligible for refugee status under the Orderly Departure Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE STATUS.**

4 Section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Fi-
5 nancing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997
6 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–171) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “For purposes” and insert-
9 ing “Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law, for purposes”; and

1 (B) by striking “fiscal year 1997” and in-
 2 serting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”; and

3 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
 4 lows:

5 “(b) ALIENS COVERED.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.— An alien described in this
 7 subsection is an alien who—

8 “(A) is the son or daughter of a qualified
 9 national;

10 “(B) is 21 years of age or older; and

11 “(C) was unmarried as of the date of ac-
 12 ceptance of the alien’s parent for resettlement
 13 under the Orderly Departure Program.

14 “(2) QUALIFIED NATIONAL.—For purposes of
 15 paragraph (1), the term ‘qualified national’ means a
 16 national of Vietnam who—

17 “(A)(i) was formerly interned in a reeduca-
 18 tion camp in Vietnam by the Government of the
 19 Socialist Republic of Vietnam; or

20 “(ii) is the widow or widower of an individ-
 21 ual described in clause (i); and

22 “(B)(i) qualified for refugee processing
 23 under the reeducation camp internees subpro-
 24 gram of the Orderly Departure Program; and

1 “(ii) on or after April 1, 1995, is accept-
2 ed—
3 “(I) for resettlement as a refugee; or
4 “(II) for admission as an immigrant
5 under the Orderly Departure Program.”.

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